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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED HIJACKING OF JAL 747, APRIL 9

REF: A. STATE 084945; B. STATE A-3973, 16 MAY 74

FOLLOWING IS AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON INCIDENT PER PARAGRAPH
NUMBERING IN REF B:

1. APRIL 9, 1975
2. JAPAN AIR LINES (DOMESTIC FLIGHT)
3. SCHEDULED
4. JAPAN
5. JL-514
6. BOEING 747
7. CHITOSE TO HANEDA
8. SAME AS PARA 7.
9. ACTUAL DEPARTURE TIME NOT AVAILABLE. ARRIVAL AT HANEDA
AT 1657 HOURS.
10. 203 PASSENGERS
11. 15 CREWMEN
12. NONE
13. CHITOSE
14. STANDARD PROCEDURE,, CNSISTING OF FRISKING OF PERSON,
EXAMINATION OF HAND BAGGAGE, AND PASSAGE OF PERSON
AND HAND BAGGAGE THROUGH ELECTRONIC DETECTPON DEVICE.

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15. NONE

16. NORMAL, EXCEPT AS NOTD PARA 23.
17. ONE WAY.
18. CENTER-REAR PORTION OF AIRCRAFT.
19. AS AIRCRAFT WAS MAKING LANDING APPROACH AT HANEDA.
20. AT 1655 HOURS.
21. NONE
22. REVOLVER (22 CALIBER, 8 ROUNDS) WHICH HE HAD PURCHASED ON A TRIP TO ARGENTINA IN SEPTEMBER 1974.
23. HIJACKER REPORTEDLY CONCEALED REVOLVER IN STOCKING, AND PLACED IT ON BACK OF WHEEL-CHAIR OF PASSENGER PRECEDING HIM IN BOARDING AIRCRAFT.
27. STEWARDESS MAEDA NOTICED DURING LANDING APPROACH OF AIRCRAFT AT HANEDA THAT ONE OF PASSENGERS, THE HIJACKER, HAD HIS SEAT BELT UNFASTENED. WHILE MAEDA WAS INSTRUCTING HIM TO FASTEN HIS BELT, THE HIJACKER SHOWED HER PISTOL HELD IN HIS RIGHT HAND CONCEALED IN HIS COAT POCKET. HIJACKER SAID SOMETHING TO MAEDA, BUT SHE DID NOT UNDERSTAND HIM DUE TO ENGINE NOISE. MAEDA IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED PURSER HAMADA. HIJACKER INSTRUCTED HAMADA TO HAVE THE AIRCRAFT PARKED AT SOUTHERN END OF HANEDA, NOT TO LET ANY PASSENGERS OFF, AND TO HAVE ALL CREW MEMBERS GATHER AT REAR OF AIRCRAFT. HAMADA PLAYED FOR TIME, TATING THAT AIRCRAFT WAS MAKING LANDING APPROACH AND NOTHING COULD BE DONE BUT TO TRANSMIT HIS DEMANDS TO CAPTAIN OF AIRCRAFT. HAMADA LEFT HIJACKER AND NOTIFIED CHIEF PURSER HIDEO YAMAMOTO, 42, WHO TELEPHONE JAL GROUND CREW AT HANEDA TO NOTIFY AIRPORT POLICE.
28. SEE PARA 27.
29. ONE
30. SEE PARA 27. DEMANDS WERE MADE ORALLY.
31. HIJACKER, AN UNSUCCESSFUL SMALL BUSINESSMAN, SAID HE NEEDED 30 MILLION YEN (ABOUT \$100,000) TO PAY BUSINESS DEBTS AND BEGIN NEW AUTO OVERHAULING BUSINESS. HE SAID THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO DEMAND THIS AMUNT WHILE PARKED AT HANEDA, AND AFTER SUBSEQUENT TAKEOFF OF AIRCRAFT, TO PARACHUTE SOMEWHERE OVER JAPAN. HE HAD HOMEMADE PARACHUTE, MASK, AND COMPASS WITH HIM.
32. NONE.
33. SEE PARA 27.
34. NONE. THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH TIME.
35. NONE WHILE AIRCRAFT WAS IN FLIGHT. OTHER PASSENGERS WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF HIJACKING ATTEMPT.
36. NOT APPLICABLE.
37. ROUTINE.
38. ABOUT 1657 HOURS AT AIRCRAFT PARKING AREA NO. 22 AT HANEDA.
39. FIVE PLAINCLOTHESMEN ANSWERED CALL FOR HELP. TWO POSITIONED THEMSELVES OUTSIDE, AND THREE ENTERED REAR DOOR OF AIRCRAFT. WHILE AIRCRAFT CAPTAIN TOJO ENGAGED

HIJACKER (STILL IN HIS ORIGINAL SEAT) IN CONVERSATION, PLAINCLOTHESMEN OVERPOWERED LATTER FROM TWO DIRECTIONS. IN ENSURING TUSSLE, HIJACKER FIRED ONE ROUND INTO SEAT IN FRONT OF HIM. SEVEN ROUNDS REMAINED IN REVOLVER. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

40. NONE, EXCEPT FOR SLIGHT DAMAGE TO SEAT.

41. HIJACKER WAS ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING FIREARM AND SWORD CONTROL LAW AND ANTI-HIJACKING LAW.

42. KAZUO OSHIMA, 38, JAPANESE NATIONAL, MALE. ROUND FACE, THIN HAIRN AND OVERWEIGHT, ACVORDING TO PRESS PHOTO. NOT LIKELY TO HAVE HAD CRIMINAL RECORD.

43. ACCORDING TO HIJACKER, HE GAINED IDEA FOR HIJACKING AFTER READING NEWS ACCOUNTS OF ABORTIVEHIJACKING ATTEMPT AT HANEDA NOVEMBER 1974 BY TATSUJI NAKAOKA (ALIAS PAUL NAKAOKA), ALSO A MIDDLE-AGED, UNSUCCESSFUL JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN.

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